

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for choosing the Nativity of Our Lord Religious Education Program. Please take your time reading this letter carefully.

Our goal for your child is to receive a faithful and spiritual education while attending our program. Our Religious Program is an **eight year program** where students begin in first grade, make their Reconciliation and Communion in 2nd grade, then continue their education and will finish with the Sacrament of Confirmation in 8th grade. Our students start the process of Confirmation in 7th grade. Students will be allowed to register for grades 2-8 if family provides a letter from the child's former Religious Education Program or Catholic School. It is important to attend class every week, complete assignments, and attend Mass weekly.

In this packet you will find the following:

- **Calendar 2019-2020:** Please remember our calendar is subject to change. In **School Class Sessions** are on **Tuesdays from 6:00pm -7:00pm**. Please meet in the school for Class Sessions on Tuesday.
Mass Sessions are on **Sundays at 10:30am**. *All students must be with an adult at Mass.* Students are to check in with their teacher before or after Mass, *not during Mass*.
- **Attendance/Tardiness** is very important in our Religious Education Program. Please read the Handbook for more details. I also put a copy of the page in this packet.
- **Religious Education Registration Form/Payment:** Please complete and make any updates on the forms. On the form is also a break down of the total amount due this year. If you wish to pay the total amount due for the year you may do so. If you need to follow the payment plan please do so but make the payments on time.
- **Sacrament & Other Information Form:** Please see any notes that I made within your registration forms regarding your child's sacraments. If there are no notes made by me your child's file is up-to-date. If your child has any kind of medical conditions or educational information please let me know. This helps me and your child's teacher know who your child is and can help in any way we can.
- **Weekly/Monthly Newsletters:** Please provide an email address to receive weekly emails from Ann Bulanda, CRE. You will be receiving reminders and up-to-date news about our Religious Education Program and Parish. Also, if class needs to be cancelled you will receive an email from Ann Bulanda, CRE. You can also find out from your child's teacher and social media (facebook).

Nativity of Our Lord
Religious Education Fees 2019-2020

Registration Fee:

\$50 Registration fee is due by Thursday, August 29, 2019 with completed registration forms.

****Note:** this registration fee will go toward your tuition fee. For example: You have 1 child and pay \$50 registration fee, you will only owe \$45 Tuition.**

A \$50 Late Registration Fee will be added on to bill if child is registered after August 29, 2019

(Registration is \$100 after August 29, 2019 but only \$50 of the fee will go toward tuition).

Registration fees are nonrefundable.

Tuition: All tuition must be paid in full by Tuesday, December 10, 2019

1 child: \$95

2 children: \$135

3 or more children: \$175

Book Fee: All book fees are due by Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Grades 1-8: \$25 per child

Replacement of Book: \$20

Book Fees are nonrefundable

Sacramental Fees: All sacramental fees are due by Tuesday, January 28, 2020

First Holy Communion (for students making the sacrament in 2020): \$50

Confirmation (for students making the sacrament in 2020): \$50

Late Fees – If any of the following payments are not turned in by the original due date the following fee will be added onto your payments:

1-10 days late - \$10 will be added

11-30 days late - \$20 will be added

31-60 days late - \$30 will be added

61 + days late - \$50 will be added

Attendance Policy

Students are not allowed to miss more than four Tuesday and Sunday Class Sessions. Students who miss more than four sessions will not receive a valid End-of-the-Year Certificate or Sacramental Certificate at our last Mass. They will be allowed to receive the certificate if the child completes a certain amount of Service Hours (3rd - 8th grade) or work (1st-2nd) with Ann Bulanda, CRE. Dates and times will be set up with Ann Bulanda, CRE through a meeting with her at the Rectory.

Teachers are to be in the building between 5:30-5:45pm. All teachers must be in their classroom ready for class at 5:45pm. No student is allowed in classroom by themselves.

- All children are expected to attend ALL class sessions. If your child is absent for any reason, you MUST email/text Ms. Bulanda of the absence (nativityre653@gmail.com or 773-869-6753). More than 4 absences (excused or unexcused) may result in repeating the same grade the following school year and not being able to receive their Sacraments (Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation).
- Doors open at 5:55pm.
- Any student walking into the building after 6:10pm will be marked tardy. If a child has three or more tardies in 1 month, the child will have to make up that timed missed with Ms. Bulanda at a scheduled time and date.
- Dismissal of class is at 7:00pm

Sunday Morning Masses: All students must attend 10:30am Mass with an adult. They are to check in with their teacher before or after Mass (*not during Mass*). Children and Families are expected to attend Mass weekly.

Cell Phone Policy

If a student has a cell phone or electronic device, the cell phone or electronic device must be turned into the teacher when the child walks into the classroom. The cell phone or electronic device must be turned off before the child turns it into the teacher. The child will receive their cell phone when they are being dismissed from the classroom. For Sunday classes, the child will turn in their phone to the teacher when they arrive at 10:00am. If a child is found using the phone it will be turned in to the office and a parent will be notified to pick up the cell phone at the school office.

***Calendar for Religious Education at Nativity of Our Lord Church
2019-2020 School Year
(Please remember schedule may change)***

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 - Meet Teacher and pick up materials in Church Hall from 6:00pm-7:00pm *****Teachers will meet with Ann Bulanda at 5:00pm*****

Sunday, September 8, 2019 - Family Mass at 10:30am - All students must attend with an adult. Sign in with teacher before or after Mass (not during Mass) *****Teachers please arrive by 10:10am*****

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday, October 6, 2019 - Family Mass at 10:30am - All students must attend with an adult. Sign in with teacher before or after Mass (not during Mass) *****Teachers please arrive by 10:10am*****

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 - No Class **Teachers meet with Ann Bulanda**

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 - No Class

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday, November 3, 2019 -Family Mass at 10:30am - All students must attend with an adult. Sign in with teacher before or after Mass (not during Mass) *****Teachers please arrive by 10:10am*****

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 - No Class

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - First Reconciliation Service 10:00am

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm ****Grades 3-8 will participate in Advent Reconciliation Prayer Service****

Sunday, December 15, 2019- Family Mass at 10:30am - All students must attend with an adult. Sign in with teacher before or after Mass (not during Mass) ****Teachers please arrive by 10:10am****Pick up progress reports after Mass from teachers****

Winter Break December 16, 2019- January 6, 2020

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday, January 19, 2020 - Family Mass at 10:30am - All students must attend with an adult. Sign in with teacher before or after Mass (not during Mass) ****Teachers please arrive by 10:10am****

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, January 28, 2019 - No Class **Teachers meet with Ann Bulanda**

Sunday, February 2, 2020 - Family Mass at 10:30am - All students must attend with an adult. Sign in with teacher before or after Mass (not during Mass) ****Teachers please arrive by 10:10am****

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - Ash Wednesday Services Time: TBD

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 - No Class

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 - Class 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Sunday, March 15, 2020 - Family Mass at 10:30am - All students must attend with an adult. Sign in with teacher before or after Mass (not during Mass) ****Teachers please arrive by 10:10am****

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - No Class

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm ****Grades 3-8 will participate in Advent Reconciliation Prayer Service****

Thursday, March 26, 2020 - Confirmation Practice 4:00pm-5:30pm in Church

Saturday, March 28, 2020 - Confirmation 5:00pm at Nativity of Our Lord Church

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 - Class 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Spring Break April 1, 2020 - April 18, 2020

Sunday, April 19, 2020 - Family Mass at 10:30am - All students must attend with an adult. Sign in with teacher before or after Mass (not during Mass) ****Teachers please arrive by 10:10am****

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 - Class 6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, April 22nd & Thursday, April 23rd - First Communion Practice (In Church) from 4:00pm-5:30pm (Only for Students making their First Communion at Nativity)

Saturday, April 25, 2020 - First Holy Communion 11:00am - in Church

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 - Class 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 - Last Class ****Meet in School Building at 6:00pm - Pick up Children from Church Hall at 7:00pm****

Sunday, May 10, 2020 - Family Mass at 10:30am - All students must attend with an adult. ****May Crowning Mass**** All certificates will be given out at the end of Mass******